

Alaina Is In This Story



Played

Sam and his friends played. They played with a ball. They played in the sand. They played with a dog. They went down the slide.

They had a great time.

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Robot

"Can I have a robot?" said Cody.

"A robot could play games with me."

"A robot could read books to me."

"A robot would be neat."

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Saw a Cat Look

"I saw a cat look at a bird. I saw the bird look at the cat," said Sam.

"I don't know what they could have been thinking. Cats and birds are usually not friends."

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Airplane

"When I get older, I want to learn how to fly an airplane," said Sam.

"I will fly it up into the sky and look down on the world. It will be so fun."

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Cody Went to a City



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Falling Star

One night Cody was outside with his dad.

"Help, help!" they heard from up in the sky.

"Look, Dad. A star is falling," said Cody.

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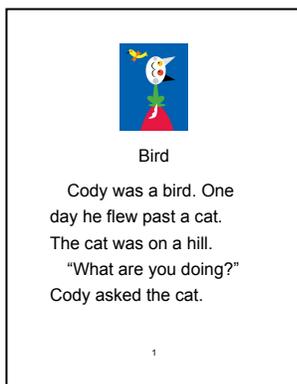


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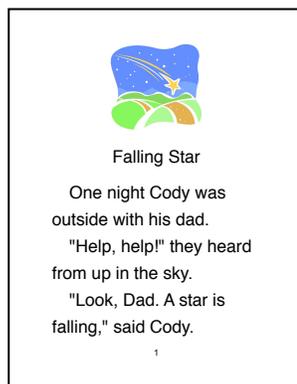


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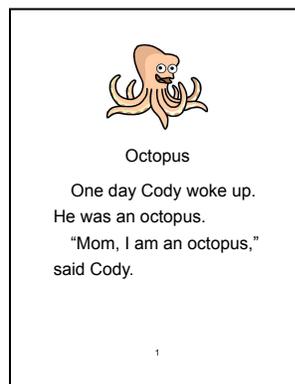
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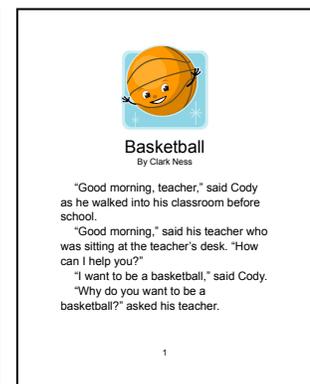
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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Alaina.

“The two cows saw me. I like these two cows. I hope the two cows like me.”

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Alaina.

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Race

Alaina likes to race. One day she was in a race.

She ran and ran. She ran fast. Alaina won the race.

She was happy.

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Alaina.

“I wish I was a cat. I could run fast. I could climb trees.”

“It would be neat to be a cat,” she said.

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Out of the Water

Alaina was a fish. One day she swam fast. She went so fast that she jumped out of the water.

She went up high. She could see far and wide. She had fun.

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Fox

Alaina went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Alaina to the fox.

“I do very well, thank you. It is a nice day for a walk, isn’t it?” said the fox.

“Yes, it is,” said Alaina.

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Crocodile

One day Alaina woke up.
She was a crocodile. She
went to school. She
scared her teacher.

Her friends thought she
looked cool.

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Singing Flower

Alaina is a flower. She loves to sing. She is a singing flower. She sings and sings.

Alaina thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

Alaina helped with the Christmas tree. She put candy canes on it. She put balls on it.

Her dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

“I think I will read a book,” said Alaina. Soon she was done.

“I think I will read some more,” said Alaina.

Soon she was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Alaina.

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Ice Cream Truck

“I hear the ice cream truck coming,” said Alaina.

“I hope it stops by my home.”

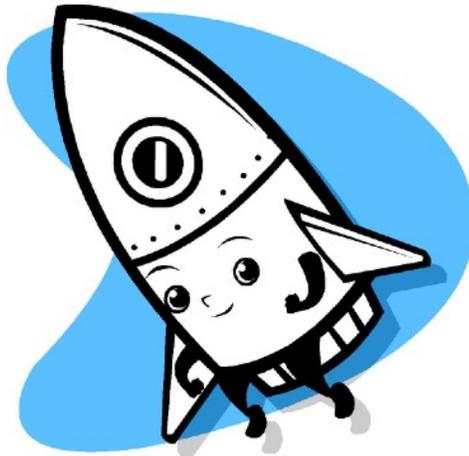
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Alaina.

Poof! She was a rocket.
Whoosh! She flew up into
the sky and went to the
moon.

“Now that was fun,” said
Alaina.

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Surfing Dog

Alaina is a cool dog. She has a surf board. She loves to go to the beach with her surf board. She goes surfing at the beach.

Alaina thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

Alaina is a cat lover. She loves cats. She loves big cats.

Alaina loves little cats. She loves pretty cats. She loves ugly cats. Alaina loves all cats.

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Dog Lover

Alaina is a dog lover.
She loves dogs. She loves
big dogs.

Alaina loves little dogs.
She loves pretty dogs. She
loves ugly dogs. Alaina
loves all dogs.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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Fly to School

One day Alaina said, “I think I will fly to school today.”

She put on her flying suit. She flew to school.

“Wow! You flew to school,” said her teacher.

“It was easy,” said Alaina.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
Alaina.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

“I am Alaina the happy
cat,” said Alaina.

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said
Alaina.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

“I am Alaina the happy
dog,” said Alaina.

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Rhino

Alaina is a rhino. She likes to play soccer. She can kick the ball. She can score a goal.

Alaina likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

Alaina went for a walk.
She was very quiet. She
looked.

She saw a baby deer. It
had spots on its back.

Alaina was glad that she
saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Alaina.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

“A pet dragon would be
neat,” said Alaina.

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Owl

Alaina went for a walk
and saw an owl.

It sat up in a tree.

The owl said, “*Whoo,
whoo, who, who.*”

“I think that owl just said
hello to me,” said Alaina.

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Horse With Wings

One day Alaina became
a horse with wings.

She flew to her school.
Alaina took each of her
friends for a ride up into
the sky.

They all had fun.

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Astronaut

“I want to be an astronaut,” said Alaina.

“I want to go out in space.”

“It would be neat to go to the Moon.”

“It would be neat to go to Mars.”

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Happy Turtle

This is Alaina. She is a happy turtle. She likes to run.

“I am a happy turtle. I like to run,” said Alaina.

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Alaina.

“I like to go on hikes.”

“I wear a hat. I take a pack.”

“I use a walking stick.”

“It is neat to be a giraffe,” said Alaina.

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Bubbles

Alaina made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

Alaina made a lot of
bubbles. She had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Alaina.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

“I wonder if all chickens can read?” said Alaina.

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Horses

Alaina saw two horses.
One horse was brown.
One horse was white. The
horses were big.

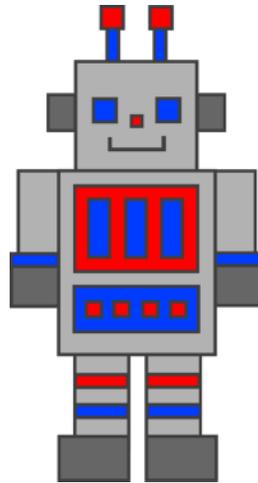
Alaina liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Alaina.

“A robot could play
games with me. A robot
could read books to me.
A robot would be neat.”

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Sheep

“I saw a sheep near my home,” said Alaina.

“It was knitting a sock.”

“I told the sheep that it was a nice sock.”

“The sheep smiled and kept on knitting,” said Alaina.

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Snow Skiing

“I want to go snow skiing,” said Alaina.

“It would be so much fun.”

“I would be out in the nice cold snow.”

“I could go fast.”

“Snow skiing would be a blast,” she said.

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Rabbit

“I want to be a rabbit,”
said Alaina.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said Alaina.

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Cowgirl

“I am going to be a cowgirl,” said Alaina.

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

“It will be neat to be a cowgirl,” said Alaina.

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Bear

Alaina went for a walk and met a happy bear.

The bear wore boots, mittens, and a stocking hat.

“It must be a cold day,” said Alaina.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

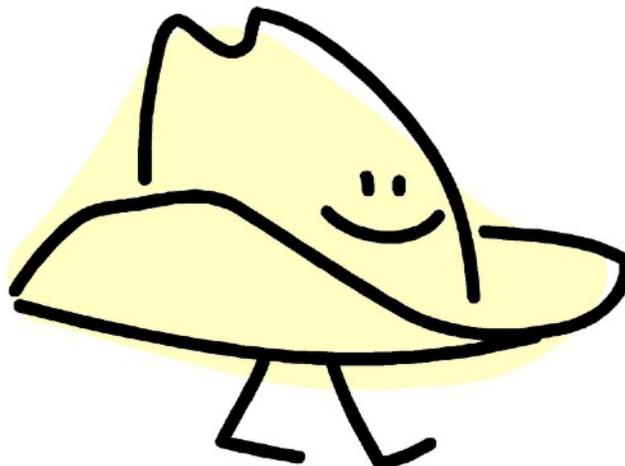
Alaina has a soccer ball.
She plays soccer with it
every day.

“I love playing soccer. It
is a great sport. Soccer is
fun,” said Alaina.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

Alaina saw a hat walk by.
“Where are you going?”
asked Alaina.

“I am going to a cattle
ranch,” said the hat.

“I want a cowboy to find
me so that I can become a
real cowboy hat.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Rat

One day Alaina saw a rat.

“That rat is on a skateboard,” said Alaina.

“I love to go on my skateboard,” said the rat.

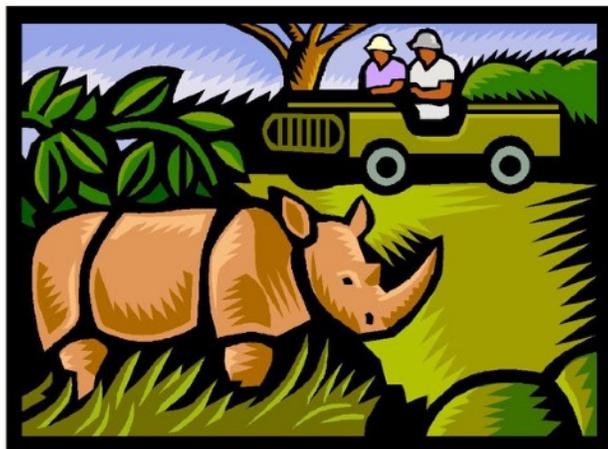
“Hope you have fun,” said Alaina.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said
Alaina.

“I went on a safari.”

“We drove out in a jeep
and saw a rhino.”

“It was so neat.”

“I took a lot of pictures.”

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I Have a Pencil

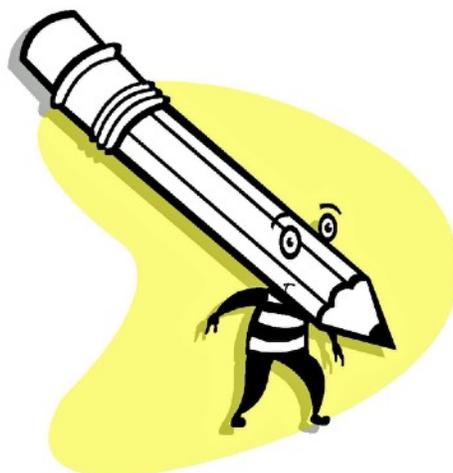
“I have a pencil,” said Alaina. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Alaina woke up.
She was a pencil.

“I think I will write a
story,” said Alaina. She
wrote a story. It was about
being a pencil.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pink Elephant

“I saw a pink elephant,”
said Alaina. “It had a green
balloon and wore a yellow
hat.”

“There was a bird sitting
on its back. I wonder
where it was going?” said
Alaina.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Saw a Cat Look

“I saw a cat look at a bird. I saw the bird look at the cat,” said Alaina.

“I don’t know what they could have been thinking. Cats and birds are usually not friends.”

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Snake

“I think I would like to be a snake,” said Alaina.

“It would be fun to slither along the ground.”

“I would hunt for food and have a good life.”

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Elephant

“I went to a pet shop,”
said Alaina.

“I got a nice elephant. I
took my elephant home.”

“Mom said it was too big
for me to keep.”

“So I took the elephant
back,” said Alaina.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Alaina.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

“I wonder where they were going?” said Alaina.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

“I am going to go to a pet shop,” said Alaina.

“I will see all kinds of animals there.”

“I will see fish, cats, dogs, mice, and birds.”

“It will be fun to go to a pet shop,” said Alaina.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Singing Apples

“I went to the store. I saw some apples. Three of the apples jumped up and sang a song to me,” said Alaina.

“I had never seen singing apples before.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.1

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Happy Snowman

“I am a happy snowman,” said Alaina.

“I wear a hat and a scarf, and I hold a broom.”

“My nose is a carrot.”

“I am happy to be a snowman,” said Alaina.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.2

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Snail

“Last night I had a dream. I dreamed that I was a snail,” said Alaina.

“I was a happy snail, but it took a long time to get anywhere.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.2

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Singing Fish

“I want to be a fish that can sing,” said Alaina.

“I would sing songs about the sea.”

“I would sing songs to sailors and to people who go fishing.”

“It would be fun to be a singing fish,” said Alaina.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.6

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Airplane

“When I get older, I want to learn how to fly an airplane,” said Alaina.

“I will fly it up into the sky and look down on the world. It will be so fun.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.7

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Kangaroo

Alaina is a kangaroo. She likes to play basketball. She can jump. She can shoot.

Alaina likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

Alaina made some lemonade. She set up a lemonade stand. She sold lemonade to her friends and family.

Alaina made \$5.00 in one day.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.9

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If I Were a Dog

“If I were a dog, I would want to be able to drive a car,” said Alaina.

“I would put on my yellow hat and get in my red car. People would smile when I went by.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 2.0

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Submarine

“I went on a submarine,”
said Alaina.

“We went down
underwater.”

“I saw all kinds of fish.”

“It was fun to go on a
submarine.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 2.0

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Treehouse

“I am going to build a treehouse,” said Alaina. “It will be so much fun.”

“I will have a good view and get to see birds and little animals every day.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 2.5

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Helicopter

“I want to fly a helicopter,” said Alaina.

“It would be neat to fly it up in the sky.”

“I could help save people by flying a helicopter.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 2.8

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Opened a Book

“I opened a book last week and a pirate story came out,” said Alaina.

“It was a very good story about pirates and pirate ships. I liked the part about buried treasure.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.4

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Hippo

Alaina saw a hippo. It was on a unicycle. It was playing a violin.

“Be careful when you play your violin on a unicycle,” said Alaina to the hippo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Alaina Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Alaina saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big cat,” she
said.

Bat



Alaina saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big bat,” she
said.

Rat



Alaina saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Alaina.

“It was a big rat,” she
said.

Ant



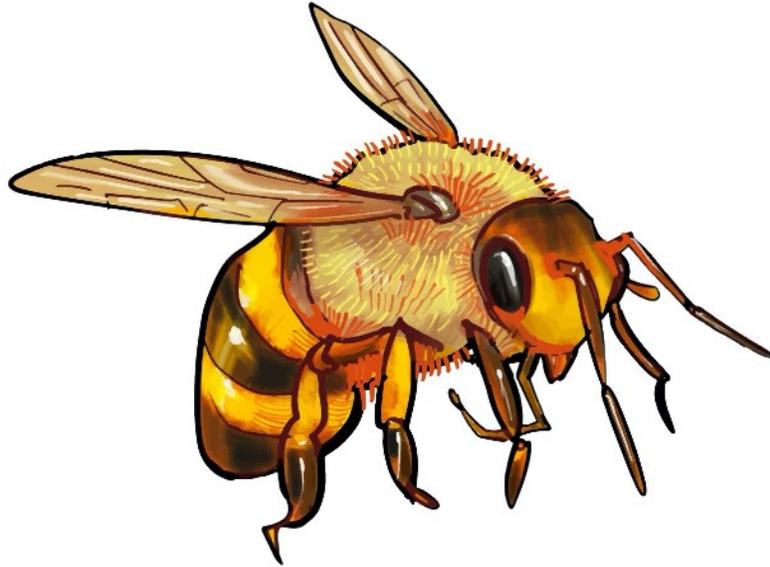
Alaina saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big ant,” she
said.

Bee



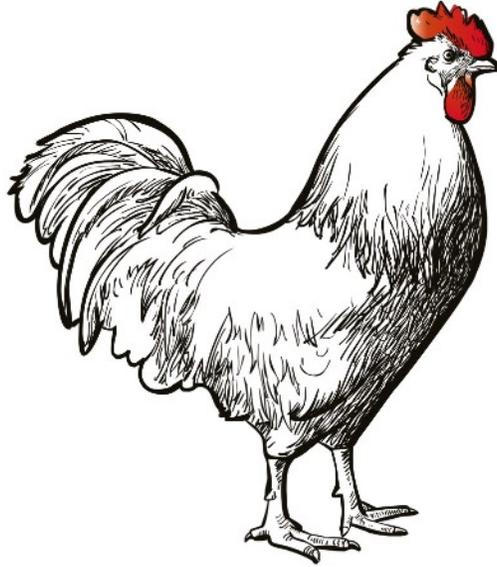
Alaina saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big bee,” she
said.

Hen



Alaina saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big hen,” she
said.

Elk



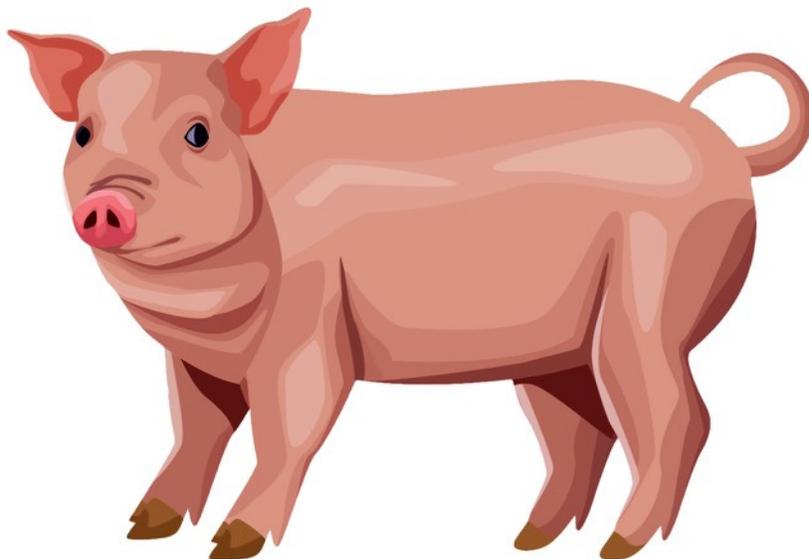
Alaina saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big elk,” she
said.

Pig



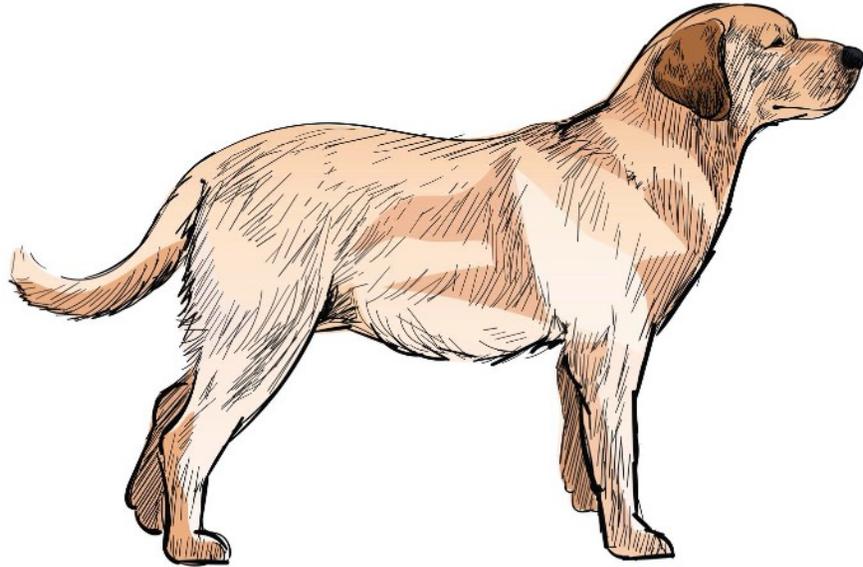
Alaina saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big pig,” she
said.

Dog



Alaina saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big dog,” she
said.

Cod



Alaina saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big cod,” she
said.

Fox



Alaina saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big fox,” she
said.

Cow



Alaina saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big cow,” she
said.

Owl



Alaina saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big owl,” she
said.

Bug



Alaina saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big bug,” she
said.

Pup



Alaina saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
Alaina.

“It was a big pup,” she
said.

Fly



Alaina saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Alaina.

“It was a big fly,” she
said.

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Alaina Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



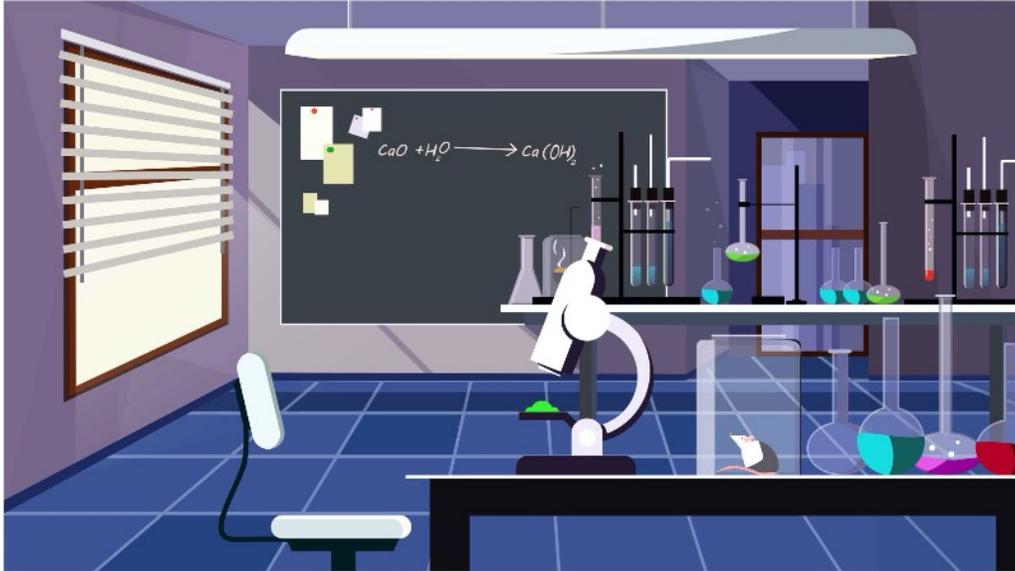
Alaina saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice cab,” she
said.

Lab



Alaina saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice lab,” she
said.

Bag



Alaina saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice bag,” she
said.

Rag



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Alaina saw a rag.
It was a nice rag.
“I saw a rag,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice rag,” she
said.

Yam



Alaina saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice yam,” she
said.

Can



Alaina saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice can,” she
said.

Fan



Alaina saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice fan,” she
said.

Pan



Alaina saw a pan.
It was a nice pan.
“I saw a pan,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice pan,” she
said.

Van



Alaina saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice van,” she
said.

Cap



Alaina saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice cap,” she
said.

Map



Alaina saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice map,” she
said.

Bat



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It was a nice bat.

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Alaina.

“It was a nice bat,” she
said.

Hat



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Mat



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It was a nice mat.

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Alaina.

“It was a nice mat,” she
said.

Vat



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It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said
Alaina.

“It was a nice vat,” she
said.

Sax



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It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said
Alaina.

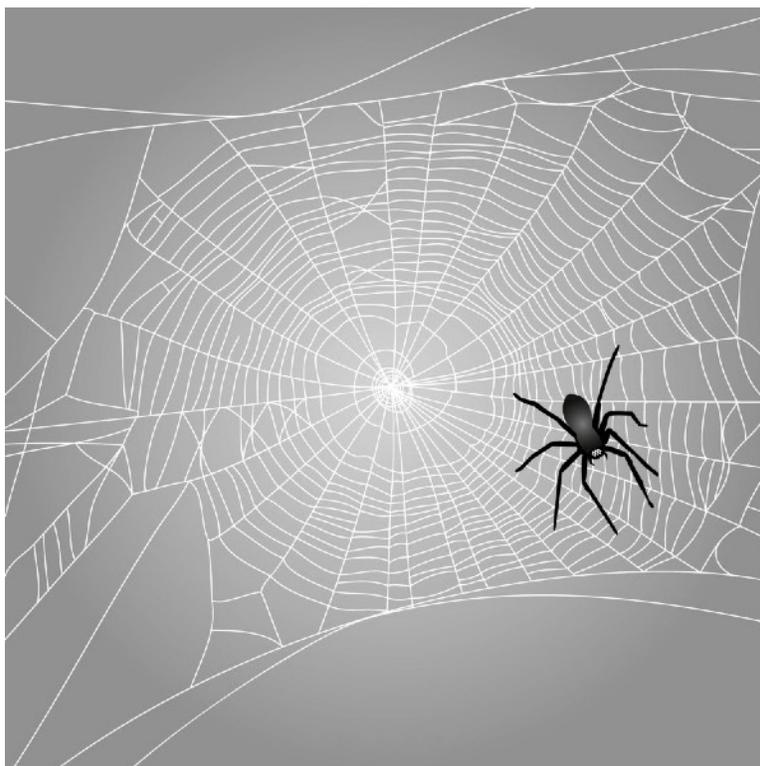
“It was a nice sax,” she
said.

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Alaina Saw a Web



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Fiction

Web



Alaina saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool web,” she
said.

Gem



Alaina saw a gem.

It was a cool gem.

“I saw a gem,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool gem,” she
said.

Pen



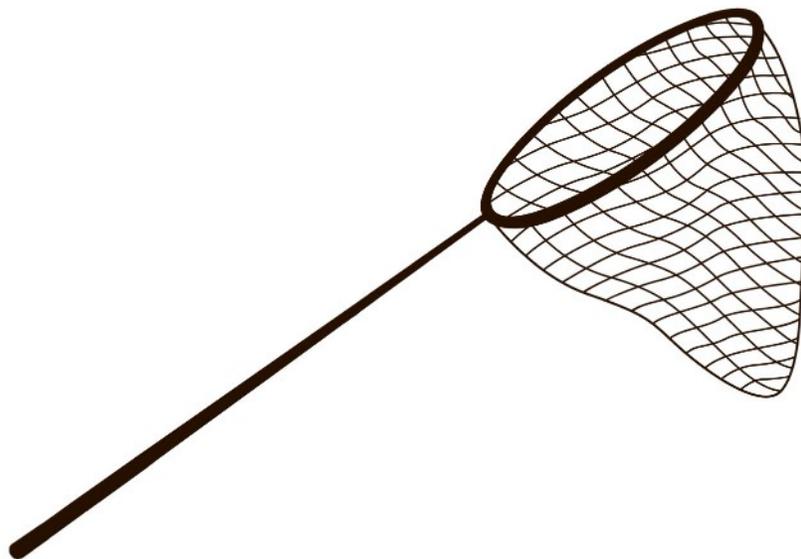
Alaina saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool pen,” she
said.

Net



Alaina saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool net,” she
said.

Jet



Alaina saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said Alaina.

“It was a cool jet,” she
said.

Wig



Alaina saw a wig.

It was a cool wig.

“I saw a wig,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool wig,” she
said.

Bin



Alaina saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool bin,” she
said.

Fin



Alaina saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said Alaina.

“It was a cool fin,” she
said.

Pin



Alaina saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

“I saw a pin,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool pin,” she
said.

Rod



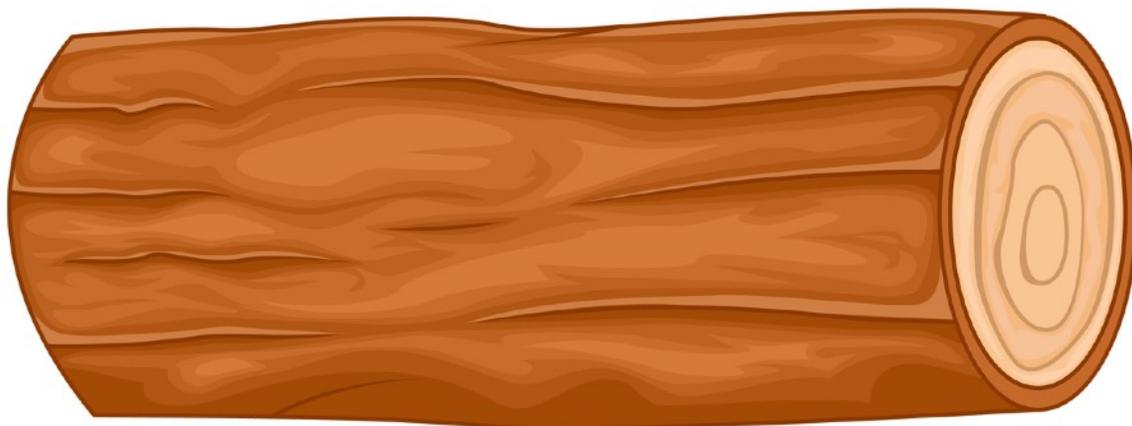
Alaina saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool rod,” she
said.

Log



Alaina saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool log,” she
said.

Mop



Alaina saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool mop,” she
said.

Top



Alaina saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool top,” she
said.

Cot



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Alaina saw a cot.
It was a cool cot.
“I saw a cot,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool cot,” she
said.

Pot



Alaina saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool pot,” she
said.

Box



Alaina saw a box.
It was a cool box.
“I saw a box,” said
Alaina.

“It was a cool box,” she
said.

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Alaina Saw a Tub



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Fiction

Tub



Alaina saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said
Alaina.

“It was a neat tub,” she
said.

Jug



Alaina saw a jug.

It was a neat jug.

“I saw a jug,” said
Alaina.

“It was a neat jug,” she
said.

Rug



Alaina saw a rug.
It was a neat rug.
“I saw a rug,” said
Alaina.

“It was a neat rug,” she
said.

Bun



Alaina saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said
Alaina.

“It was a neat bun,” she
said.

Cup



Alaina saw a cup.

It was a neat cup.

“I saw a cup,” said
Alaina.

“It was a neat cup,” she
said.

Bus



Alaina saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said
Alaina.

“It was a neat bus,” she
said.

Hut



Alaina saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said
Alaina.

“It was a neat hut,” she
said.

Nut



Alaina saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said
Alaina.

“It was a neat nut,” she
said.

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Alaina Went to a Farm



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Fiction



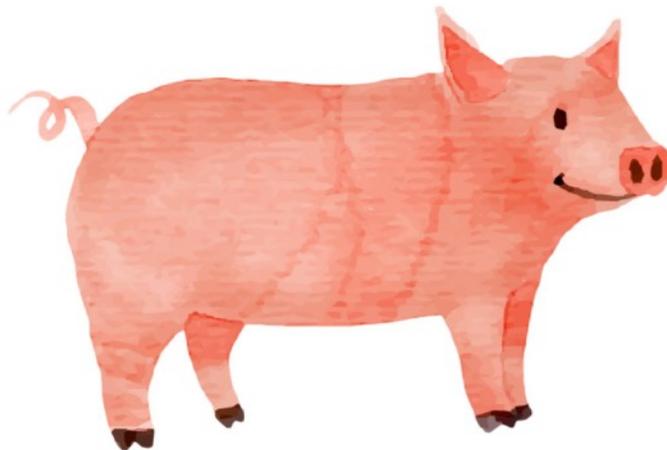
Alaina went to a
farm. She saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



Alaina went to a
farm. She saw a
cow. It was a nice
COW.



Alaina went to a
farm. A donkey was
there. It was a nice
donkey.



Alaina went to a
farm. A pig was
there. It was a nice
pig.



Alaina went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



Alaina went to a
farm. There was a
turkey. It was a nice
turkey.



Alaina went to a
farm. It had a duck.
It was a nice duck.



Alaina went to a
farm. It had a
chicken. It was a
nice chicken.



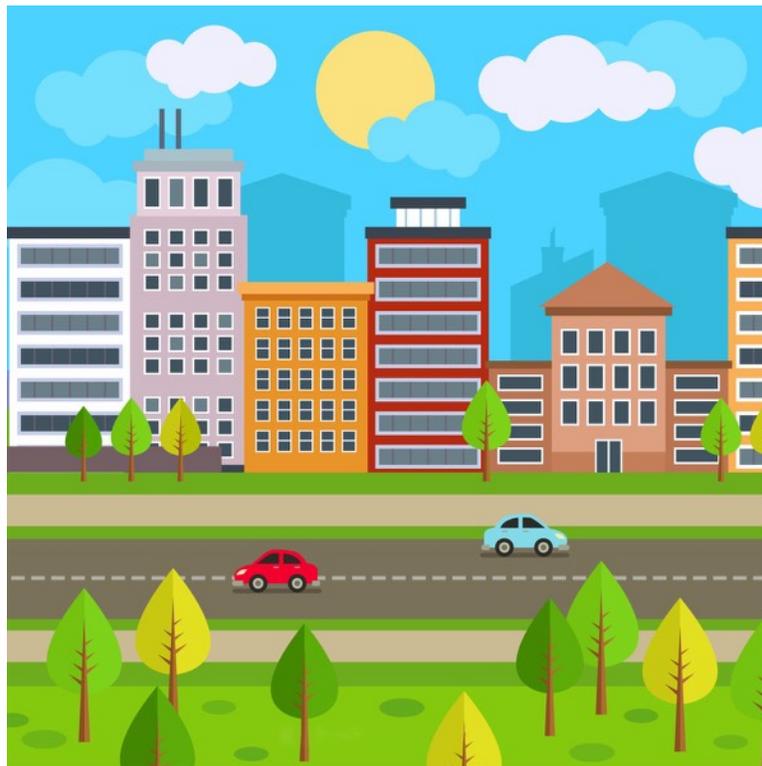
Alaina was happy
that she went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Alaina Went to a City

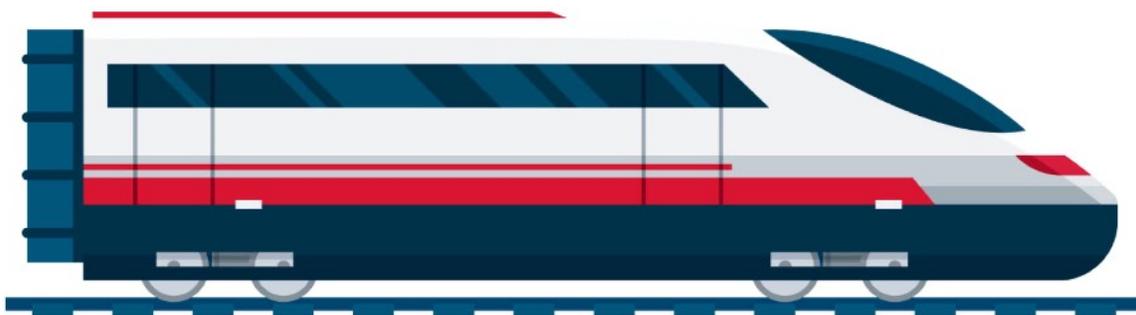


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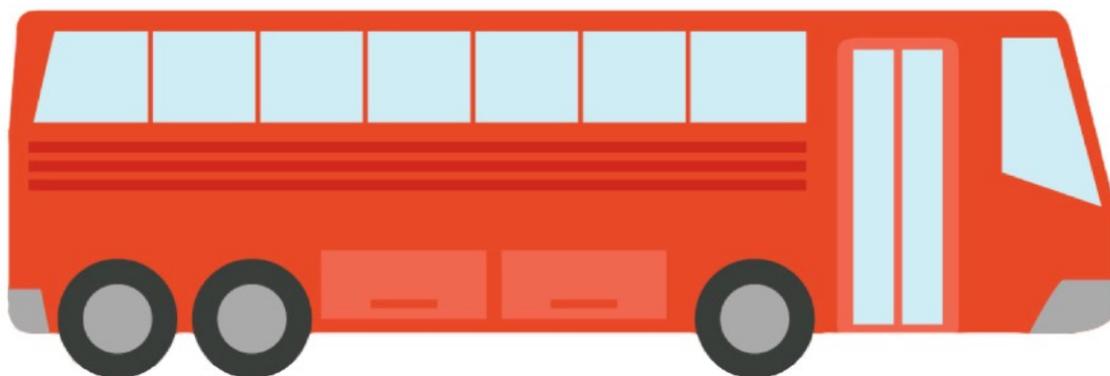
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Fiction



Alaina went to a
city. She saw a
train. It was a nice
train.



Alaina went to a
city. She saw a bus.
It was a nice bus.



Alaina went to a
city. A truck was
there. It was a nice
truck.



Alaina went to a
city. A fire truck was
there. It was a nice
fire truck.



Alaina went to a
city. An ambulance
was there. It was a
nice ambulance.



Alaina went to a
city. There was a
police car. It was a
nice police car.



Alaina went to a
city. There was a
taxi. It was a nice
taxi.



Alaina went to a
city. There was a
motorcycle. It was a
nice motorcycle.



Alaina was happy
that she went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Alaina Is In This Story



Bird

Cody was a bird. One day he flew past a cat. The cat was on a hill. "What are you doing?" Cody asked the cat.

1



Falling Star

One night Cody was outside with his dad. "Help, help!" they heard from up in the sky. "Look, Dad. A star is falling," said Cody.

1



Octopus

One day Cody woke up. He was an octopus. "Mom, I am an octopus," said Cody.

1



Basketball

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"Good morning, teacher," said Cody as he walked into his classroom before school. "Good morning," said his teacher who was sitting at the teacher's desk. "How can I help you?" "I want to be a basketball," said Cody. "Why do you want to be a basketball?" asked his teacher.

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Bird

Alaina was a bird. One day she flew past a cat. The cat was on a hill.

“What are you doing?”
Alaina asked the cat.



“I am sitting on a hill,”
said the cat.

“Come and fly with me,”
said Alaina.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Alaina.



“I will go and fly all around,” said Alaina.

“I will then come back and tell you all about it,” she said.

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Alaina went and flew
all around.

She then came back to
the cat.

Alaina told the cat what
she had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Alaina.

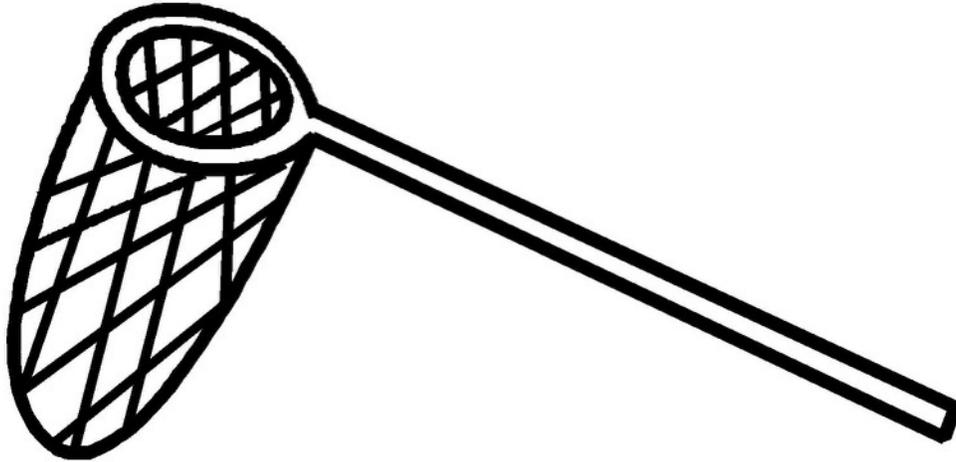


Falling Star

One night Alaina was outside with her dad.

"Help, help!" they heard from up in the sky.

"Look, Dad. A star is falling," said Alaina.



"What should we do?"
said her dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Alaina.

She ran and got a big
net.



Alaina took the net and quickly caught the star just before it hit the ground.

"Thanks for saving me," said the star.

"What should we do with this star now?" asked Alaina's dad.



"We need to throw it back up into the sky," said Alaina.

Alaina grabbed the star out of the net and threw it back up into the sky.



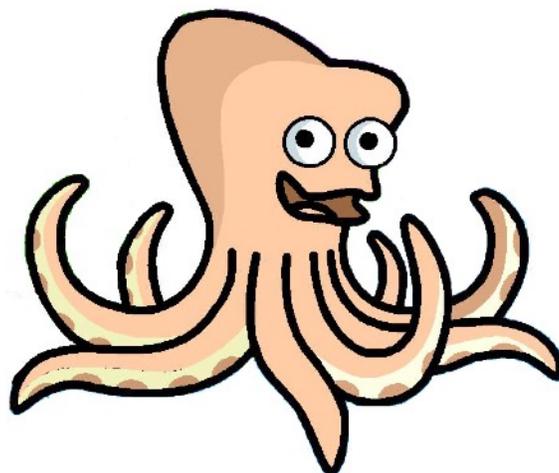
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Alaina was proud that she had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Alaina woke up. She was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Alaina.



“That is nice. Now figure out what to do with your eight arms,” said her mom.

Alaina thought and thought.

“I think I will play some music,” she said.



She got out a guitar and played it.

She got out a trumpet and played it.

She got out a drum and played it.

She then got out a maraca and played it.



“I bet I can play all of these at once with my eight arms,” said Alaina.

She picked up the maraca. She put the drum next to her. She picked up the trumpet. She then picked up the guitar.



She began to play music with the guitar, the trumpet, the drum, and the maraca.

“Your band sounds great,” said her mother.

“Thanks, Mom. It is fun to be a one octopus band,” said Alaina.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Alaina as she walked into her classroom before school.

“Good morning,” said her teacher who was sitting at the teacher’s desk. “How can I help you?”

“I want to be a basketball,” said Alaina.

“Why do you want to be a basketball?” asked her teacher.



“I think it would be fun to fly in the air and then go *swish* through the basketball net,” replied Alaina.

“Okay you can become a basketball. Please come over here,” said the teacher. Alaina’s teacher reached inside the teacher’s desk and pulled out the lucky buffalo coin. Alaina walked over to the teacher’s desk. Her teacher held the coin above Alaina’s head.

“Basketball, basketball, basketball,” said the teacher.



There was a loud *poof*, followed by some white smoke, and Alaina was a basketball.

One of Alaina's friends walked into the classroom just at that time.

"Do you want to go out and play basketball?" asked Alaina the basketball. Her friend stopped right in her tracks and looked at the talking basketball.

"How can a basketball talk?" she asked.



“It’s me, Alaina,” said Alaina. “Our teacher used the lucky buffalo coin and turned me into a basketball.”

“Boy, you must have done something really bad for our teacher to turn you into a basketball,” said the friend.

“No, I didn’t. I asked our teacher to turn me into a basketball because I wanted to be a basketball,” said Alaina with a big smile.



“You kids can go outside and play,” said the teacher. “You have about five minutes before school will start. Just remember to bring Alaina back inside.”

Alaina’s friend grabbed Alaina the basketball and ran outside with her.

“Cool basketball,” said the other kids on the playground.

“It is just me, your friend, Alaina,” said the basketball.

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Alaina the basketball.

“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

“Not a bit,” said Alaina. “Shoot me through the hoop again.”

One of the kids picked up Alaina and took a shot. *Swish* went Alaina.

“That sure is fun,” said Alaina.
“Thanks.”

The school bell then rang. Alaina’s friend went back into the classroom with Alaina and walked over to their teacher.



The teacher held up the lucky buffalo coin and said, “Alaina, Alaina, Alaina.” There was a *poof*, then some white smoke, and Alaina was Alaina the girl again.

“Thank you. It was a lot of fun being a basketball. Maybe tomorrow I can be a baseball,” said Alaina.

“I am glad you had fun. We can see about you being a baseball tomorrow. Now, time for school,” said the teacher.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 2.6

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